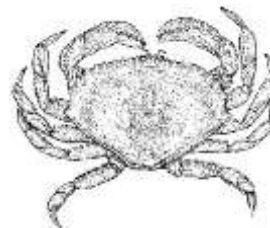

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SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Juneau... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the 2013/2014 commercial Dungeness crab summer fishing season in Southeastern Alaska as described in 5 AAC 32.110(3) will be reduced in duration. In accordance with the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Management Plan [5 AAC 32.146], the department has projected total season harvest based on landings and effort data from the first full week of fishing. The projection indicates that total season harvest will not exceed 2.25 million pounds, but will fall near the upper end of the range described in 5 AAC 32.146(2)(B). The commercial Dungeness crab summer fishing season in Southeastern Alaska will **close at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 8, 2013**, a seven day reduction in fishing time from the maximum allowed. Season length for the 2013/2014 commercial Dungeness crab fall fishing season will be announced after a thorough review of all available fishery performance data.

A person may store Dungeness crab pots in waters closed to fishing for Dungeness crab for no more than seven days after the closure to fishing for Dungeness crab in Registration Area A if all pot doors are secured fully open and all bait and bait containers are removed [5 AAC 32.052(b)(1)(A)]. All gear must be removed from the water no later than 11:59 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2013.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1C1513.

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